

Applic. No.: 10/047,013

Amdt. Dated September 30, 2004

Reply to Office action of September 27, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-16 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Rejoinder of claims 1-9 has been requested.

The Examiner has stated in the Miscellaneous Action dated September 27, 2004 that the instant application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of previously withdrawn method claims 1-9. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of the allowed product claim 10. Therefore, rejoinder of method claims 1-9 is requested under MPEP 821.04 ("However, if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined.").

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to all claims 1-16 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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